

IN THE ABSTRACT

Please include the following abstract:

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A thermoforming apparatus comprising a thermoforming machine (10) having a female die (12) and counter-die or male die (13) reciprocally approachable and removable for the operations of closing, thermoforming and opening, a feeder of thermoforming material between the female die (12) and counter-die (13), cutting means for cutting the thermoforming material immediately after the closure of the female die and counter-die, one or more work or treatment stations for the articles (15) thermoformed in the die (12), extraction heads (16) arranged to be operated concomitantly with each opening of the same to extract a thermoformed article (15) molding from the female die and to convey the article thus extracted to one or more work or treatment stations or else to transfer them to a receiving template (17), retention means for engaging each thermoformed article (15) with the respective extraction head or else with its respective receiving template to ensure correct positioning of the article during conveyance through the work or treatment stations.

IN THE CLAIMS

Please amend the claims as follows:

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(Amended) A thermoforming apparatus comprising:  
a thermoforming machine (10) fitted with at least one female die (12) and counter-die [or male die] (13) reciprocally approachable and removable for the operations of closing,